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Master	Albert F. Durgin
Overseer	Stephen Benson
Lecturer	Caroline Strout
Steward	John Torrey
Asst. Steward	Raymond Waterhouse, Jr.
Chaplain	Bessie Morse
Treasurer	Barbara Benson
Secretary	Viola Lothrop
Gate Keeper	Richard Clifford
Ceres	Lillian Bamford
Pomona	Nancy Clifford
Flora	Elisie Harris
Lady Asst. Steward	Priscilla Waterhouse

Executive Committee

Howard Bamford	Ann Bamford
	Harold Lothrop

Pianist	Barbara Benson
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Priscilla Waterhouse

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*Benjamin F. Cobb	1881-82
*Frank E. Thurlow	1887-88-1920-21
*George M. Rowe	1890-96
*Pitman P. Pulsifer	1891-92-94-95
*Charles L. Pulsifer	1897-98-1900-03
*William W. McCann	1899
*R. Jecerson Everett	1901-02
*Dr. John A. Ness	1904
*Harry W. Thurlow	1905
*Chester E. Chipman	1906
*Frank H. Currier	1907-08
*William H. Gowell	1909-10
*Elmer W. Chipman	1911-12
*J. Gilman Davis	1913-14-15
*Bennie L. Cobb	1916-17-28-29-30
*Philip R. Everett	1917-18-19
*Leon A. McKnight	1922-23
*Samuel H. Hemphill	1924-25-26-27
*Ambrose K. Damon, Jr.	1931-32
*Millard F. Lane	1933-34
Henry W. Pulsifer	1935
Harold J. Goss (withdrawn)	1936
William E. Goss	1937
*John E. Merrill, Sr.	1938
Harold L. Morrell, Jr. (withdrawn)	1939-40
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CONDENSED 90 YEAR HISTORY OF EXCELSIOR GRANGE NO. 5

Excelsior Grange was organized March 5, 1874, holding its meetings in the schoolhouse near where the new hall was dedicated, June 29, 1876. The primary purpose of the grange at this time, aside from its social aspect, seemed to be the co-operative purchase of farm supplies, flour, grain, groceries, etc. At one time, a store was maintained at Mechanic Falls with good patronage.

In 1904, the grange had reached a membership of 418, with an average attendance of 70, in spite of the fact that in the first year of its life it voted to establish a new grange at West Poland.

On Jan. 17, 1914, the hall was completely destroyed by fire, but on the same day the grange met in its original place of meeting, the schoolhouse, and started to lay plans for the building of a new hall. This hall, our present grange home, was dedicated Sept. 22, 1914.

When the Town of Poland consolidated its schools in 1955, Excelsior Grange was offered for a small fee the schoolhouse on Harris Hill where the Grange was organized. The offer was accepted. It was immediately occupied by the Juvenile Grange.

As early as 1880, the grange became very interested in debating, as well as in many other forms of educational entertainment and has assisted greatly in the development of the talents of its membership. Throughout its long life the membership and the community have benefited by its activities in making Poland a better place in which to live.

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March 7

90th Anniversary

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March 21

4 Point Meeting

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May 9 Spring Festival

May 16 Memorial Night

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June 20	Visiting Officers Night
	Refreshments
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July 4	To Be Announced Later
August 5	Androscoggin Pomona
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August 8	Sunday Annual Picnic

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October 17

Elections

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Janitor — Clarence Harris

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November 7	Installation
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November 21	Education

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Benson, Brenda
Benson, Jean, L.
Benson, Mary Ann

Benson, Stephen
Benson, Virgil
Blanchard, Ruth
Bowie, Sadie
Bowie, Winfield
Breton, Jeffrey
Burnham, Cassie

C

Callahan, Daniel
Callahan, Myrtle
Carpenter, Elizabeth
Carr, Elizabeth
Chapman, Mildred*
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Clifford, Nancy
Clifford, Richard

Cobb, Arlene
Cobb, Arthur
Cobb, Elwood
Colbath, James
Coolidge, Adeline
Coolidge, William
Coy, Peter
Currie, Ethel

D

Damon, Gladys
DeCosta, Donald, Dr.
DeCosta, Priscilla
Downing, Marjorie
Downing, Roland
Dunn, Fletcher

Dunn, Norma
Dunn, Philip
Durgin, Albert
Durgin, Carlos
Durgin, Ruth
Dusík, Alice

E

Ellingwood, Estelle
Ellingwood, Merle
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French, Shirley
Fuller, Mildred

G

Gammon, Miriam
Gary, Dorothy
Gary, Wilfred
Gebauer, Marjorie
Goss, Ara
Goss, Dorothy
Goss, Ellen
Goss, Julian

Goss, Robert
Goss, Ruby*
Goss, William
Gowell, Ella
Gowell, Roger
Green, Ella
Gross, Lillian

H

Hanscom, Harold
Hanscom, Helen
Hanscom, Lee
Harkins, Eda
Harkins, Robert
Harris, Arlene
Harris, Charlene
Harris Clarence
Harris, Irving

Harris, Linda
Hazenberg, Hazel
Hazenberg, Jan
Herrick, Gregory
Herrick, Michael
Hilton, Beverly
Hodgkins, John
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W

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Waterhouse, Raymond, Jr.
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